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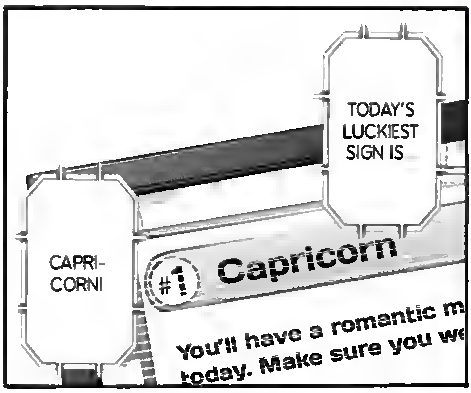
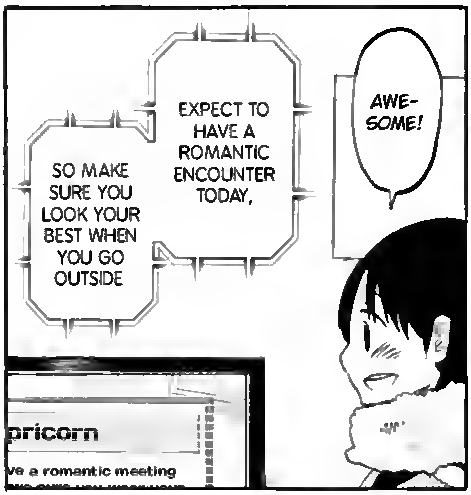

TODAY'S LUCKIEST SIGN IS...
CAPRI-CORN!
#1 Capricorn
You'll have a romantic m
today. Make sure you we

MANAKA, ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME FOR YOU TO GET GOING?
YEAH. I'LL LEAVE RIGHT AFTER THEY SHOW TODAY'S HOROSCOPE.
You said you had morning practice down at Draw, right?


EXPECT TO HAVE A ROMANTIC ENCOUNTER TODAY,
SO MAKE SURE YOU LOOK YOUR BEST WHEN YOU GO OUTSIDE
AWE-SOME!
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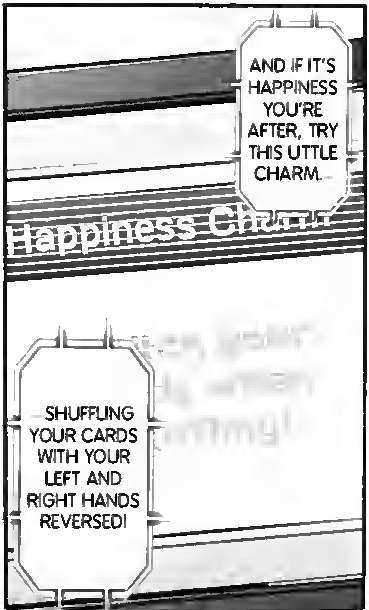
ve a romantic meeting


AND IF IT'S HAPPINESS YOU'RE AFTER, TRY THIS UTTLE CHARM.
Happiness Ch
SHUFFLING YOUR CARDS WITH YOUR LEFT AND RIGHT HANDS REVERSED!

AND YOUR LUCKY PLACE IS ANYWHERE WHERE LOTS OF PEOPLE GATHER!
YOUR LUCKY ITEM TODAY IS A "CARDBOARD LIFE COUNTER."

HAHA!
I'D BE WORRIED I WOULD DROP MY CARDS IF I DID THAT, THOUGH!
BE CAREFUL NOT TO SHUFFLE TOO FAST, THEN!
OKAY, TIME TO GO.
SEE YOU.
BYE.
GOOD LUCK OUT THERE.
welcome
OH...
EVEN IF IT GETS BROAD-CAST,
PLEASE DON'T LET KANON AND ION WATCH MY GAMES, OKAY?
Ion
Kanon
SURE THING.
I'LL TAKE THEM DOWN TO THE PARK OR SOMETHING WHILE IT'S ON.
OKAY, THANKS.
OFF I GO.
BE CAREFUL.

GP Shikoku 2013 Day 2
A Block
B Block
C Block
SPECTATORS PLEASE ENTER THROUGH GATE B WITH YOUR TICKETS
PLAYERS, PLEASE MAKE YOUR WAY TO GATE A
REGISTRATION WILL BE ENDING SOON. PLAYERS WHO HAVE YET TO REGISTER, PLEASE
SO, FOUR PEOPLE CAME OUT OF DAY ONE UNDEFEATED THIS TIME.
PRETTY MUCH THE SAME CREW AS USUAL...
EXCEPT THAT ICHINOSE PERSON WHO'S THAT?

I HEARD OUJI DROPPED OUT, THAT TRUE?
HEY, THAT REMINDS ME,
REALLY?
WHY WOULD HE DO THAT?
MAYBE HE CAUGHT A COLD?
WHO KNOWS.

GP Shikoku Day 1 Results
OHH, THAT PERMISSION PLAYER, RIGHT?
YEAH, THAT'S THE ONE.
C'MON, YOU KNOW, THE ONE WHO BEAT FUTOMIN, OUJI, AND KOKONA.

...KOBA.
BEFORE WE DECIDED TO GO THROUGH WITH ALL THIS,
COME ON, WE KNEW SOMETHING LIKE THAT COULD HAPPEN
WHAT DO YOU MEAN IT "DOESN'T MATTER"?
hey
...KOBA.
WHAT?
...DOESN'T MATTER.
MAYBE THAT'S OUR FAULT, DO YOU?
YOU DON'T THINK...
...
KOBA...
I CAN DO THIS BY MYSELF.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HELP.
IF YOU'RE SCARED,
RIGHT! YEAH!
BE-
BESIDES, THIS IS ALL ICHINOSE'S FAULT TO BEGIN WITH, RIGHT?
YEAH, I MEAN WE KNOW YOU'VE LIKED SAKURAI SINCE FOREVER...
NO IT'S COOL, SORRY FOR BRINGING IT UP.

I WONDER IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HIM...
DROPPED OUT?
OUJI...
...WELL,
AH-CHOO!
I SHOULD TAKE CARE MYSELF.
I GUESS THERE IS A COLD GOING AROUND.
!
Aki Asahara
JJ18R
Deck Tendency
5 card summon, Fire Feard Combo, Thought Rev vet combo etc.
NEXT ROUND I'M AGAINST...

AND WHO IS THIS "ROMAN"?
I'M PLAYING AGAINST...
ROMAN!?
ONCE UPON A TIME...
THERE WAS A TYPE OF CARD THAT WON THE GAME IF SEVEN OF THEM WERE ON THE FIELD AT ONCE.
AT ANOTHER TIME,
THERE WAS AN "ULTIMATE CREATURE," ONLY SUMMONABLE IF YOU DREW FIVE SPECIFIC PARTS.
THE PLAYER WHO TAKES THAT SORT OF DREAM-FUELED COMBO AND CARRIES IT TO COMPETITIVE SUCCESS...
IS THE WOMAN KNOWN AS "ROMAN,"
GOOD LUCK!

MY TURN.
DRAW.
THE DEULIST LOVED BY ALL, MEN AND WOMEN, YOUNG AND OLD.
WOAH, LOOK, ROMAN MADE IT TO DAY TWO THIS TIME!
REALLY? SCREW THIS THEN, LET'S GO WATCH THAT GAME.
MY TURN. DRAW.
chatter chatter chatter
I'LL CAST "DIVINATION"
WHICH LETS ME SEARCH MY DECK FOR A MATERIAL CARD AND PUT IT INTO MY HAND.
END TURN.
MY TURN, DRAW.
I'LL PUT TWO CARDS FACE DOWN.
END TURN.

HEY, SO, WHAT KINDA MAGIC DO YOU THINK ROMAN'S GONNA WORK TODAY?
SOME-THING AWE-SOME.
I DON'T KNOW, SHE FLEW TOO CLOSE TO THE SUN LAST TIME...
SO MAYBE SHE GOES WITH SOMETHING SAFER THIS TIME AROUND.
I'LL CAST "QI MEN DUN JIA"
Qi Men Dun Jia
Instant
[Additional Cost 1000 LP] Look at the top ten cards of your library, then put them back in any order
WHICH LETS ME LOOK AT THE TOP TEN CARDS OF MY DECK AND REARRANGE THEIR ORDER.
END TURN.
*EITA
AT THE END OF YOUR TURN I'LL PLAY "DIVINE GIFT"
AND DRAW TWO CARDS.
MY TURN.
DRAW.
I'LL PUT TWO CARDS FACE DOWN.
AND END MY TURN.
MY TURN THEN,
DRAW.

Genbu, Winter Emperor of the North
All Holy Beasts get +1000 HP
500
I SUMMON "GENBU, WINTER EMPEROR OF THE NORTH,"
AND END MY TURN.
Oh?
THAT'S GOTTA BE THAT "FIVE-CARD" COMBO DECK, RIGHT?
whisper
THAT'S THE ONE WHERE...
IF YOU HAVE ALL FOUR HOLY BEASTS OUT AND CAST "THE GOLDEN DRAGON DESCENDS" YOU WIN THE GAME?
whisper
YEAH, THAT ONE.
whisper

BRINGING FIVE-CARD TO A TOURNA-MENT...
TOO MUCH ROMAN, TOO MUCH.
EVEN IF IT GOES WELL AND YOU GET ALL FOUR BEASTS OUT...
THAT USUALLY MEANS YOU COULD HAVE KILLED THEM ALREADY BY JUST SWINGING IN.
"win more" much?
GIVE HER A BREAK...

Seiryuu, Blue Emperor of the East
All Holy Beasts gain Flying
AT1000
SL1000
HP1000
I SUMMON...
"SEIRYUU, BLUE EMPEROR OF THE EAST."
DRAW.
MY TURN.
of Anenome
Creature
Defender
Wall : Anenome can block a creature as though they had no evasion.
AT 0
SL 0
HP 1500
I'LL PLAY
"WALL OF ANENOME,"
AND END MY TURN.
DRAW.
MY TURN.
I'LL TAKE IT.
END TURN.
500 damage
THEN ATTACK WITH GENBU.
Suzaku, Flame Emperor of the South
Legendary Creature - Holy Beast Bird
Flying, First Strike
If you control creatures with "Genbu," "Seiryuu," and "Byakko" in their names, all Holy Beasts you control become AT2500/SL2500/HP7500
AT2000
SL2000
I'LL SUMMON
"SUZAKU, FLAME EMPEROR OF THE SOUTH."
WOAH!
Byakko, White Emperor of the West
Legendary Creature - Holy Beast Cat
Trample, Flanking
When Byakko, White Emperor of the West enters the battlefield, draw a card for each Holy Beast you control.
AT1500
SL1500
I'LL SUMMON
"BYAKKO, WHITE EMPEROR OF THE WEST."

I KNOW I DO.
DON'T YA WANNA SEE IT GO OFF?
SURE BUT
SHE CAN PROBABLY WIN BY JUST ATTACKING, EVEN IF IT GETS COUNTERED
BUT AT THIS POINT,
LOOKS LIKE IT, YEAH.
IT...
YOU THINK SHE'S GOT A GOLDEN DRAGON IN HER HAND?
WELL HEY...
IN RESPONSE,
"THE GOLDEN DRAGON DESCENDS"
I'LL CAST
The Golden Dragon Descends
1
1
- Instant -
If you control a creature with "Genbu," "Seiryu," "Byakko," or "Suzaku" in its name, put a 1000/1000/1000 White Holy Beast Dragon token with Flying into play under your control.
If you control creatures with "Genbu," "Seiryu," "Byakko," and "Suzaku" in their name, you win the game instead.
BAM
?!
...
...

I'LL ACTIVATE THIS FACE DOWN CARD,
AND COUNTER THAT.
ALSO, I CAN SEARCH YOUR HAND, DECK, AND GRAVEYARD
FOR ALL CARDS WITH THAT SAME NAME, AND REMOVE THEM FROM THE GAME.
I KNEW IT.
Divine Imprisonment
1
2
2
Instant
Counter target spell.
You may then search that spell's controller's library, hand, and graveyard for all cards with the same name as the countered spell and remove them from the game.
The player then shuffles their deck.
S-... SORRY,
CAN I TAKE A LOOK AT THAT CARD FOR A SECOND?
GO AHEAD.
WHAT!? THE CASTING COST ON THIS IS SUPER HIGH!
WELL... EVEN IF SHE GETS RID OF MY GOLDEN DRAGONS...
IT'S NOT LIKE SHE CAN REALLY DO ANYTHING AGAINST MY BOARD, NOT WITH WHAT SHE HAS OPEN NOW...
BUT IF SHE'S GOING TO CAST SOMETHING THIS EXPENSIVE,
A RESET BUTTON, OR EVEN JUST SPOT REMOVAL FOR ONE OF MY FOUR BEASTS,
WOULD HAVE ENDED THE COMBO JUST AS EASILY...
SO, WHY...?
JUST TO ANNOY ME...?
...
OH.

GLOOM...
SINCE ALL FOUR HOLY BEASTS ARE IN PLAY,
THEY EACH HAVE 2500 IN EVERY STAT.
IN THAT CASE, I'LL SWING WITH EVERYTHING.
bow
SORRY, THANKS!
END TURN.
AND TAKE THE OTHER 5000 DAMAGE.
I'LL BLOCK TWO,
I'LL OPEN THIS FACE DOWN CARD, "HADES' PLUNDER."
DRAW.
MY TURN.
?
NOPE. THAT'S JUST LIFE, I GUESS.
NO LUCK, HUH?
WELL, ROMAN STILL WINS AT LEAST, SO IT'S ALL GOOD.

...

CAN I TAKE A LOOK AT THAT CARD, TOO?

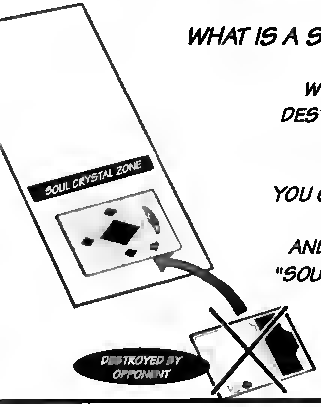
UM.

SORRY.

10,000 DAMAGE.

ATTACK WITH ALL OF THEM.

I GAIN CONTROL OF YOUR CREATURES.



WHAT IS A SOUL CRYSTAL?

WHEN A CARD IS DESTROYED BY YOUR OPPONENT,

YOU CAN TURN IT OVER,

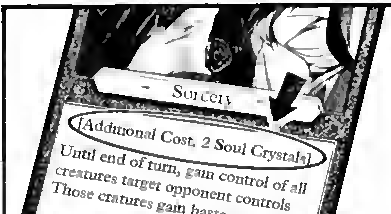
AND PUT IT IN YOUR "SOUL CRYSTAL ZONE."

AND TWO SOUL CRYSTALS!

HUH? WHA? WHAAT!? THIS ONE COSTS LIKE A MILLION MATERIAL TOO!

WEREN'T JUST TO BUY TIME, BUT ALSO TO GIVE HER THE RESOURCES TO CAST THIS SPELL...

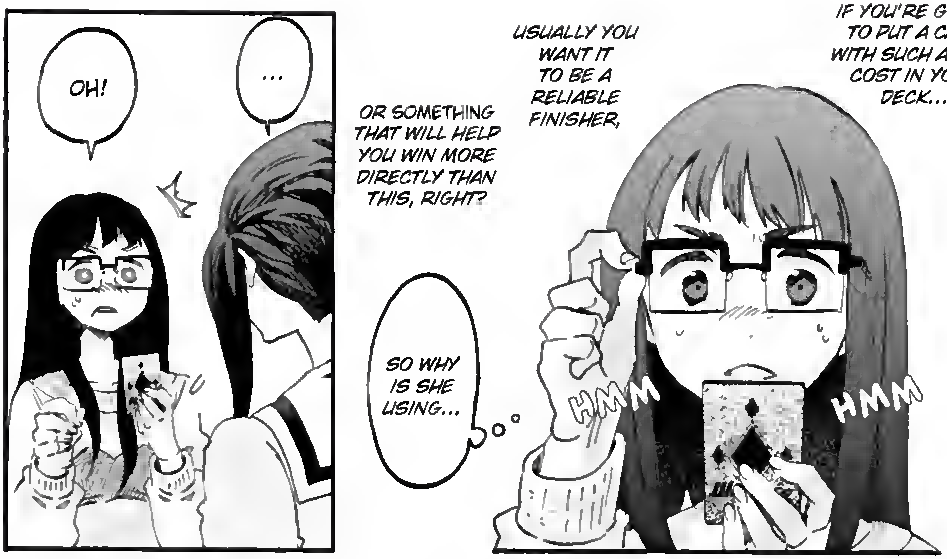
SO THOSE TWO CREATURES SHE CHUMP BLOCKED WITH...

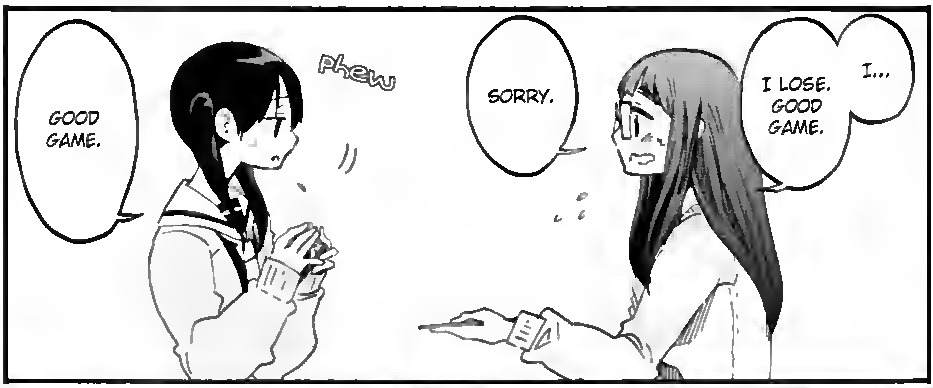

Sorcery
[Additional Cost. 2 Soul Crystals]
Until end of turn, gain control of all creatures target opponent controls
Those cratures gain haste

Note

It's kinda like a super meter in a fighting game. Can be good for making comebacks. or so I'm told

SOME CARDS WILL REQUIRE YOU TO EXPEND SOUL CRYSTALS AS PART OF THEIR COSTS OR ADDITIONAL COSTS.


OH!
...
SO WHY IS SHE USING...
OR SOMETHING THAT WILL HELP YOU WIN MORE DIRECTLY THAN THIS, RIGHT?
USUALLY YOU WANT IT TO BE A RELIABLE FINISHER,
IF YOU'RE GOING TO PUT A CARD WITH SUCH A HIGH COST IN YOUR DECK...
HMM
HMM


GOOD GAME.
Phew
SORRY.
I LOSE. GOOD GAME.
I...

Gasp!
WHY WOULD SHE BUILD A DECK LIKE THIS...
COULD IT BE...!?
HER CREATURES ARE ALL JANKY...
HER SPELLS ARE ALL EXPENSIVE OR SUPER CONDITIONAL,
WHAT IS UP WITH THIS GIRL'S DECK...

A COMRADE!? A KINDRED SPIRIT!
SOMEONE WITH THAT SAME SENSE OF ROMANCE...
THAT DESIRE TO WIN BIG WITH A SELF-IMPOSED HANDICAP...
SHE BUILDS HER DECKS FOR FUN, NOT JUST TO WIN!
I WON'T LOSE TO YOU!
WELL THAT...
JUST MAKES ME WANT TO WIN EVEN MORE!
I'LL SIDE IN THIS... AND THIS...
TO DEAL WITH HER FACE DOWN STUFF AND COUNTERS...
AND THEN...
...
CHANGED SUDDENLY...
ROMAN'S MOOD...

GO AHEAD.
I'LL PLAY FIRST.
OKAY, GAME TWO.
MY TURN
DRAW
I'LL PUT TWO CARDS FACE DOWN
I JUST HOPE WE GET TO SEE HER PULL OFF SOMETHING FLASHY THIS TIME!
I WONDER WHAT ROMAN SIDED IN?
HMM...
MY TURN, DRAW.
I'LL CAST "PILLARS OF DESTINY,"
TO SEARCH MY DECK FOR A CREATURE CARD AND PUT IT INTO MY HAND,
AND END MY TURN.
MY TURN, DRAW.
I'LL SUMMON A "KIRIN."
AH...
I'M PRETTY SURE THAT'S THAT CREATURE THAT LETS YOU DESTROY A FACE DOWN CARD WHEN IT ATTACKS...

YOUR TURN.
MY TURN.
DRAW.
I'LL TAKE IT.
ATTACK WITH "KIRIN."
1000 DAMAGE.
OKAY, DRAW.
I'LL CAST "DREAM VISIONS" AND DRAW TWO.
AT END OF TURN,
END TURN.
REALLY MAKES IT EASIER... DOESN'T IT...
PLAYING WITH LEGIT STRONG CREATURES LIKE THIS...
YUP...
OKAY.
I'LL DESTROY THAT FACE DOWN CARD USING ITS ABILITY.
AND SINCE I ATTACKED WITH "KIRIN,"
SO I WOULDN'T COUNT HER OUT YET.
SHE STILL HAS A FULL HAND THOUGH,
THAT OTHER GIRL'S DECK IS REALLY EASY TO COUNTER IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S COMING.
AND END MY TURN
I'LL SUMMON GENBU,

SUZAKU
C'MON
BYAKKO—
C'MON
I'LL SUMMON SEIRYUU
C'MON
SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S HAVING FUN...
...
...BUT THAT SAID...
I THINK THAT MIGHT BE ASKING TOO MUCH...
C'MON OTHER GIRL, DON'T RUIN IT NOW!
I THINK SHE MIGHT PULL IT OFF THIS TIME.
WOAH...
hype
IN RESPONSE,
"THE GOLDEN DRAGON DESCENDS"
C'MON!
I'LL CAST

I CAST "TRUTH OF LIFE,"
AND COUNTER IT.
THEN I'LL CAST...
"THE GOLDEN DRAGON DESCENDS."
SHF
WELL, WHAT CAN YOU DO.
AWW.
HOLY-!
A SECOND ONE!?
I'LL CAST "THE GOLDEN DRAGON DESCENDS"!
FLICK
A THIRD!?
AW...
COUNTER.
...
...THEN,
WHO IN THEIR RIGHT MIND RUNS THREE OF A NARROW CARD LIKE THAT IN THEIR DECK!?
jeez
wow
OH, COME ON!

NO WAY!
I'LL
COUNTER.
...!
THEN,
CAST "THE GOLDEN DRAGON DESCENDS"!
FLICK

A COMBO PLAYER...
WANTS TO WIN WITH THEIR COMBO!!
A FOURTH ONE!?
GOOD GAME.
YAY!
WOOOW!
MANA-KA...

...YES?
SO I ENDED UP PUTTING A FULL FOUR COPIES IN, HALF AS A JOKE, BUT...
I JUST REALLY WANTED TO GET THIS COMBO OFF,
...
WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT I'D ACTUALLY NEED TO CAST ALL FOUR!
I MEAN, WOW!
BUT I FIGURED, HEY, SINCE YOUR DECK ISN'T VERY AGGRO I MIGHT HAVE THE TIME TO PULL IT OFF.
I WAS PRETTY WORRIED WHEN I LOOKED AT THE TOP TEN AND SAW I HAD ALL FOUR COPIES COMING UP.
I'LL SAY THOUGH.
IS PRETTY PAINFUL.
HONESTLY, WATCHING PEOPLE HAVE FUN WHILE THEY PLAY...
GETTING ON THE BAD SIDE OF PLAYERS I WAS A FAN OF...
PLAYING CARDS I DON'T WANT TO,
LET'S HAVE A GOOD GAME!
MY DECK WILL BE IN A GOOD MOOD LIKE THAT AGAIN THIS TIME...
HOPEFULLY,
...YEAH.

AND IF IT'S HAPPINESS YOU'RE AFTER, TRY THIS LITTLE CHARM...
...SHUFFLING YOUR CARDS WITH YOUR LEFT AND RIGHT HANDS REVERSED!
WELL, IT COULDN'T HURT!

MAYBE I SHOULD...
DROP OUT TOO...

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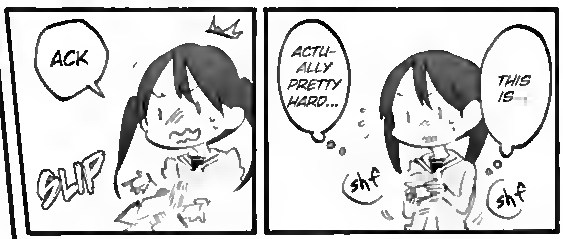
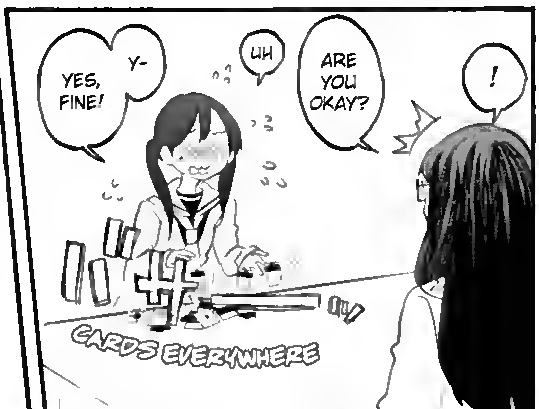
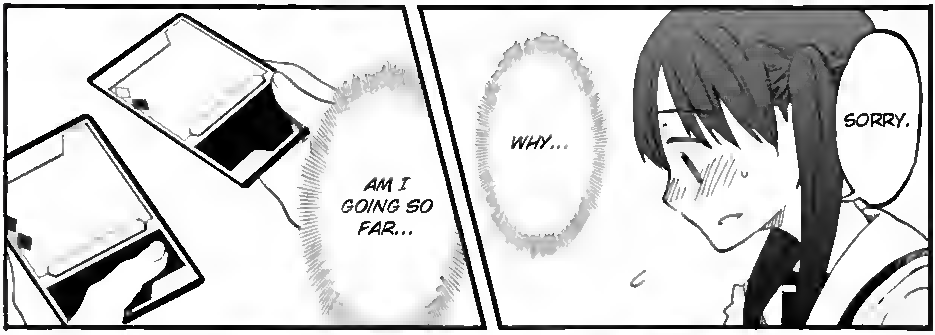

ACK
SLIP
ACTU-ALLY PRETTY HARD...
THIS IS...
shf
shf


Y-
YES, FINE!
UH
ARE YOU OKAY?
!
CARDS EVERYWHERE

ARE YOU SURE?
WHAT...
AM I DOING?
YES.
...HUH?


AM I GOING SO FAR...
WHY...
SORRY.

AND MAKE PEOPLE HATE ME?
WHY...
AS TO DREDGE UP THESE PAINFUL MEMORIES

...MAN,
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING?
EITA...?
EH?
C'MON,
LEMME SEE THOSE CARDS.
UH...
UM,
HUH?

...
SURE THING.
HERE, JUDGE,
CAN YOU CHECK THIS AGAINST HER REGISTERED DECKLIST?
UM,
UH...
I...
I SWEAR...
S-SORRY.
OH!
HUH?
YOU DUMMY.
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, BELIEVING IN THOSE SILLY HOROSCOPE THINGS.
GASP
YOU'RE HERE ON MY POINTS, SO YOU'D BETTER NOT LOSE, OKAY!?
YOU-
AH...

STUPID.
I ALREADY TOLD YOU NOT TO APOLOGIZE,
NO PROB-LEM.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
YOUR DECK CHECKS OUT. YOU'RE GOOD TO START THE NEXT GAME
I'M SORRY-
OH
GOOD LUCK.
AH
RIGHT...
HOW COULD I FOR-GET...
IF I GAVE UP NOW, IT'D BE A SLAP IN THE FACE TO ALL THE PEOPLE I...

OH GOD WHY DID I CALL HER STUPID!?
UGH, I AM SUCH AN IDIOT!
THAT WAS TOTALLY INAPPRO-PRIATE.
THANK YOU, EITA...
AND THAT JUST DEFEATED THE WHOLE POINT OF WEARING A DISGUISE!
augh! dammit!
IS EVERY-THING OKAY?
YES, SORRY ABOUT THAT.
OH, WELL THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.
What else should I put in I wonder?
EVEN IF IT MAKES THEM HATE ME...
...I'M GOING TO PLAY TO WIN.
tehehe
...

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Notes:

Morning horoscopes on the TV are super popular in Japan, and are stereotypically something high school age girls especially are into
Of course, in the real world they usually don't involve card games.

I left the nickname "Roman" untranslated, even though the Japanese usage of the term differs significantly from the English word "Romantic" that it is short for.
Rather than being about love in any real sense, it's basically used (at least in slang/informally) for something that may be kind of pointless/futile/overly difficult, but wicked cool nonetheless.
(at least from one viewpoint; onlookers may think it's just dumb)
One sort-of example:
Q: Why do giant robot shows use bipedal robots when that is wildly inefficent?
A: Because "ROMAN"!

"Qi Men Dun Jia" is a type of Chinese fortune telling/divination. It seems to be well known enough in English speaking circles that it's usually left untranslated (like Feng Shui or whatever), so I left it as is.
It uses a circular plate thing, as seen in the card art, to do its thing,
and is based on reading the stars/planets/etc. (I think)
It is approximately as useful as other fortune telling techniques.

"Wall of Anemone" refers to the flowers, not sea anemone. Sorry (

You've probably seen or heard of the "Four Holy Beasts" thing before, if you're reading this. Originally from ancient China, this concept is popular in most of East Asia.
The idea is that there are four divine animals that are each associated with a season, a color, a cardinal direction, and an element (of the five Chinese elements system)
They are:
A turtle(and a snake with it, usually) (winter, black, north, water)
A dragon (spring, blue, east, wood)
A tiger (autumn, white, west, metal)
A bird (summer, red, south, fire)

Less commonly there is also a fifth creature, a yellow dragon of the center:
~!!Bonus Beast!!~
Another shitty dragon (nothin', yellow, ~the center~, earth)

This last one is basically the Mary Sue of Holy Beasts, like that one guy's character in DnD who is all "okay I see you have a theme going here... but my guy is gonna be like, the super special one who doesn't follow the rules but does all the cool things and steps on everyone's toes," before getting rightfully kicked out and forgotten

Notably the yellow dragon does not show up in Japanese folklore much
(it's actually because the 5th element in the Japanese elemental system is "void," and having something to represent nothing was too edgy for them;
"chuunibyou" had yet to be invented)

The "どや"(doya) that I put as "c'mon" here is a common thing nowadays in Japanese media. It's basically a shortened form of "How's that fer ya!?" and often carries a sort of combined "smugness + excitement". It was used as a sound effect here, but you can actually just say it, it is a word. "Doya-face" (doya-gao) is another form you'll see it in, as the face someone makes when they are saying or thinking "doya!"

Vocab:

"Swing in": attack
"Win more": used to describe a card/set-up that, while powerful, is usually slow or conditional enough that if your opponent is letting you get to the point you could use it, you should probably have just won already

A "Luopan," a type of compass used in Qi Men Dun Jia and other forms of Chinese divination, also Feng Shui.

Some examples of anemone flowers.

cute

Some art of the four holy beasts

More art, this time from noted Good Game Wild Arms 2

btw if you like the wild arms "sorta wild west plus fantay" setting there's a VN with a playable demo up on Greenlight with a similar feel, "Dead End Junction"
(and it's not even a dating sim, shocking I know)